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Retired MUDA Engineer trapped in cyber fraud

Fraudsters pose as Central Agency officers, use fear and forged letters to extort money

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (BLU&BCT)- In a shocking case of cyber-crime, a retired Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) — now Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) — was conned out of Rs. 1.20 crore by a gang posing as officials from Central Investigative Agencies, including the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Income Tax (IT) Department.

The elaborate scam, executed over several days, involved psychological manipulation, fear tactics and forged documents to trap the victim.

The ordeal began when the victim received a video call from a man who introduced himself as a CBI officer.

Speaking in Hindi, the caller alleged that a man named Naresh Goyal had been digitally arrested and had confessed to having financial dealings worth Rs. 20 lakh with the retired Engineer.

Adept in regional languages: Realising that the victim was fluent in Kannada and Telugu, the fraudsters quickly adapted, with subsequent calls featuring impostors speaking in regional languages. They claimed to be officials from Mumbai Crime Branch, ED and IT Department. To appear genuine, they sent WhatsApp messages containing photographs of real IAS and IPS officers, asserting that these officials were directly involved in the investigation.

Psychological manipulation: The initial calls were carefully staged to instil fear and confusion.

(See CON on page 7)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

Online sale of Yuva Dasara tickets from tomorrow

Priced at Rs. 5,000 & Rs. 2,500; one entry per ticket

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (RK&BS)- The tickets for Yuva Dasara, to be held from Sept. 23 to 27, will be made available online from tomorrow (Sept. 17).

Tickets will also be sold offline at the event venue near Uttanahalli on the city outskirts on the day of the programme.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy told *Star of Mysore* this morning that tickets will be available from tomorrow on ***bookmyshow.com***

Tickets will be sold in two different slabs — Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 2,500, with only one entry per ticket for the day.

Last year, tickets were sold in three slabs — Rs. 8,000, Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 2,500.

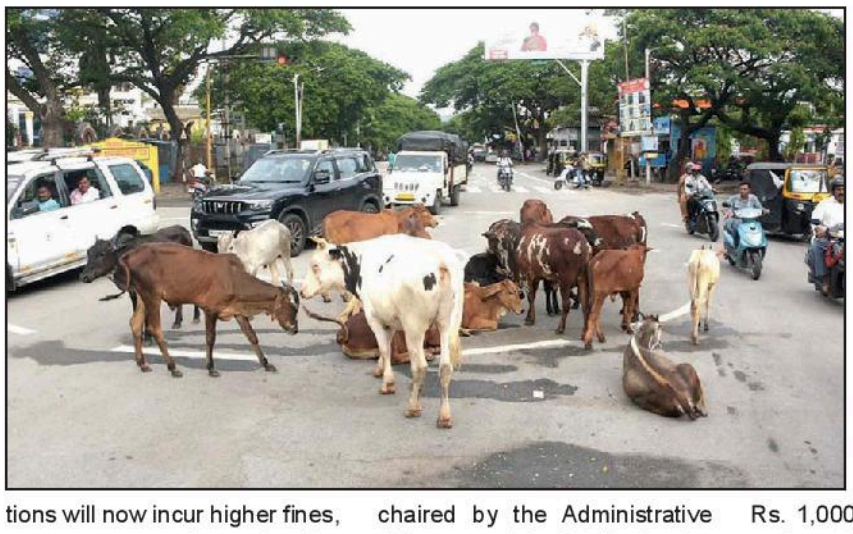
Meanwhile, Dasara Gold Card holders cannot avail free entry for Yuva Dasara.

Stray crackdown

MCC raises fines, catches 123 animals

Penalties of Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,500; animals of fourth-time offenders to be sent to Pinjrapole

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (RK&KS)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), in a bid to control and prevent the menace of stray animals such as cows, bulls, buffaloes and horses roaming freely on roads and causing problems to the public, has enhanced the fines for owners of stray animals.



Previously, the MCC, which catches stray animals and houses them at its cattle pound in the Sewage Farm premises at Vidyaranyapuram, collected a flat fine of Rs. 500 even for repeated offences before returning the animals to their owners.

However, repeated violations will now incur higher fines, as many owners ignored earlier warnings from MCC. The decision to increase the fines was taken at MCC Council meeting chaired by the Administrative Officer on July 30. Under the new structure, the fine for the first offence remains Rs. 500, the second offence will attract Rs. 1,000, the third Rs. 1,500, and on the fourth offence, the animal will be handed over to the Mysore Pinjrapole Society.

Between Sept. 4 and 15, a total of 123 stray animals were caught and returned to their owners after collecting a total of Rs. 62,500 in fines, according to MCC officials.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 16th September 2025

Vishwakarma Jayanti celebration tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept.16 - Vishwakarma Jayanti will be celebrated by Kannada and Culture Department in association with MCC and Mysuru Vishwakarma Jayantyotsava Samiti at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road tomorrow (Sept.17) at 12 noon.

Hassan District's Aremadanahalli Vishwakarma Mutt Seer Sri Shivasugnanateertha Swamiji will grace the occasion. Mysuru-based writer B.N. Nataraj (Kumara Ravi) will deliver the keynote address.

Ahead of the event, a grand procession will be taken out from Sri Kalikamba temple on Irwin Road at 9 am. The procession will pass through K.T. Street, Ashoka Road, Big Clock Tower, Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at the Palace North Gate, K.R. Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa circle (Hotel Metropole Circle), before reaching Kalamandira on Hunsur Road, the venue of the stage programme, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHY CONFIDENCE IS JUST FEAR IN DISGUISE: *If you are alone in a room, speaking to the mirror, you never ask for confidence. But the moment you stand before an audience, the question arises: "How do I become confident?" Strange, isn't it? The act of speaking hasn't changed, the words, the voice, even the body remain the same. What has entered the room are others. It is their eyes, their judgement, their opinion that unsettle you.*

You are not afraid of speaking. You are afraid of people. And this fear goes far beyond public speaking: it runs through every corner of life. What you call a lack of confidence is simply the fear of how others see you. The right question, then, is not "How do I gain confidence?" but "Why do I fear others at all?"

The answer lies in how you know yourself. In the absence of self-knowledge, you have borrowed your sense of self from the world. Your name, language, beliefs, religion: everything has come from others. To know who you are, you look into their eyes. If they praise you, you feel worthy. If they reject you, you feel worthless.

This is not the real self; it is just a fragile image stitched together from the approval of others. And what depends on others must always remain insecure. When your identity rests in their gaze, just one disapproving look can unsteady you, just one harsh word can shatter you. You live constantly exposed, anxious, never at home with yourself. Even your happiness feels borrowed, for it exists only as long as someone else agrees with it.

That is why you keep searching for confidence. Not to dissolve fear, but to cover it up. Confidence becomes a pill you take to suppress unease. But confidence is not courage; it is merely fear hiding under a mask. Courage asks you to look directly at your fear and go beyond it. Confidence merely teaches you to pretend you are not afraid.

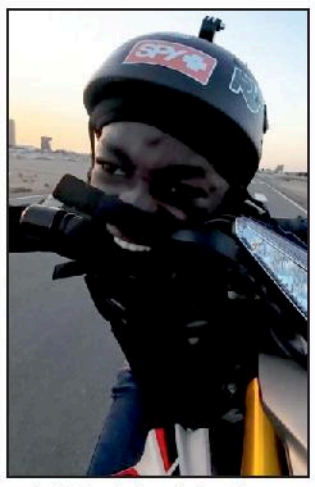
The real solution is freedom from the very need for confidence. That freedom dawns when you know yourself, not as an image in someone else's eyes, but directly, as you are. Then fear has no ground to stand on.

Fearlessness is not noisy. It is not a performance. It is a silent freedom. It arises when you no longer wait for the world to tell you who you are, but begin to live from your own centre of self-knowledge.

— Acharya Prashant in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Wheelie with handlebar in mouth!



Jeddah: A Saudi Arabian motorcyclist performed a nearly 1,000-foot wheelie while holding a handlebar in his mouth to break a Guinness World Record.

Ahmed Othman clamped his jaws around a handlebar of his motorcycle to keep the vehicle steady during his wheelie in Jeddah recently.

He managed to ride in this position for 984 feet and 3 inches, officially breaking the Guinness World Record for the greatest distance motorcycle wheelie held by mouth.

Othman held his arms out at his sides to balance himself while attempting the wheelie, which lasted for just under a minute.

Literally sold her soul for Labubu dolls

Moscow: A young Russian woman signed away her soul for 100,000 Rubles ($1,180), which she used to buy a Labubu doll collection and a concert ticket.

It all started as a joke from a marketing expert who identified himself as Dmitri on the Russian social network Telegram. He posted an ad offering to pay 1,00,000 Rubles to whoever agreed to sell their soul and make it official by signing a contract with their own blood. He didn't expect anyone to accept the bizarre offer, but to his surprise, a 26-year-old woman replied to his ad, declaring her interest in selling her soul. Dmitri kept up his part of the bargain, posting the receipt for the soul sale and a photo of the young woman holding the blood-signed contract, with her personal information blacked out.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Is psoriasis contagious ?

No, psoriasis is not contagious. You cannot catch it from another person.

By Dr. Ravi S - Consultant – Dermatology and Cosmetology
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav 2.0

Mega Blood Donation Drive on Sept.17

Mysuru, Sept. 16- On the auspicious occasion of its 61st Foundation Day, the world's largest blood donor organisation, Akhil Bharatiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad (ABTYP), in collaboration with the Government of India, is set to organise the world's largest blood donation campaign — Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav 2.0.

To bridge the shortfall of blood in the country and to strengthen the culture of voluntary blood donation by inspiring and adding a substantial number of new donors to the existing pool, 7,500-plus blood donation camps will be organised across 75 countries, including India, in a single day, on Sept. 17.

Mysuru Branch of ABTYP, in association with Rotary Mysore, is organising Mega Blood Donation Drive across 20 centres in Mysuru, from 8.30 am to 3 pm tomorrow. To choose the centre and for registration, log on to ***https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1citVO6woruaAL-j16EF5N7ZeBab_QhjVNBdG-LtxN65AM/edit?ts=68bdad91***

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REALLY...?

- *Giraffes and humans have the same number of neckbones. Actually, all mammals do.*
- *A penguin can reach depths of 550m in one dive. Typically, emperor penguins (the deepest-diving penguins) plunge to 100-200m, but the deepest penguin dive on record was more than 550m.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A teacher in class room was taking roll call... Many of the students were telling 'Present Sir.' When the teacher called Ranga's name, Ranga said 'Gift Sir.' Teacher: What? What gift? Ranga: Sir, I said gift. In the dictionary, the meaning of gift is given as present. So I said it in a new style!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 88.06
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VOICE OF THE READER

Law enforcement: Restore eroding public confidence

Sir,

In recent times, Mysuru has witnessed a sharp increase in vehicular traffic, especially other State vehicles, resulting in worsening congestion and growing inconvenience for residents.

Alongside this, traffic violations such as triple seat riding, riding without helmets and the use of mobile phones while driving have become alarmingly common.

What is most concerning is the apparent decline in respect for traffic laws. On multiple occasions, I have personally observed triple seat riders or signal violators pass right in front of Traffic Police personnel with no action taken.

Such indifference sends a dangerous message: That traffic laws are optional and enforcement is ineffective. Merely checking vehicle documents or stopping a few vehicles randomly does not suffice.

The Mysuru Traffic Police must adopt a more proactive approach, including:

- Strict penalisation of traffic rule violators.
- Impounding of vehicles for serious/repeat offences.
- Recommending suspension of driving licences where necessary.
- Ensuring visible, consistent enforcement across all parts of the city.

The public confidence in law enforcement depends heavily on consistent and fair application of rules. If violations continue unchecked, there is a real danger that law-abiding citizens will lose faith in the system, leading to further deterioration in road discipline and public safety. It is time for the Mysuru Traffic Police to rise to the challenge and restore order on our roads through decisive and sustained action.

—K. Ravi

Mysuru
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Gigantic geo portrait of Sir MV unveiled

Mysuru, Sept. 16- The Department of Civil Engineering, Maharaja Institute of Technology Mysore (MIT Mysore), in association with SAI CAD Institute, Bengaluru, has made a historic attempt as a tribute to Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya (MV), on the occasion of Engineers' Day-2025 by creating a gigantic geo portrait measuring 80 metres x 100 metres (covering 8,000 square metres / 86,111 square feet) at its sports ground.

This is a first-of-its-kind attempt in India and will be a unique tribute to the legendary engineer and administrator of the erstwhile Mysore Princely State. This portrait is made using manufactured sand (M-Sand), 40 mm down-graded coarse aggregates, nylon thread, harmless colours and soil.

The mega geo portrait, which was unveiled today (Sept. 16), will be on display to public till Sept. 20. Also, the interested schools and colleges who wish to visit the venue may do so during the working hours on any convenient day during this week.

For further details, contact Dr. M.K. Yashwanth on Mob: 99160-67233.

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Tumakuru seeks Ambaari Bus as Mysuru demand peaks

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (RK&DM)- With tourists — both domestic and international — already arriving in large numbers for the forthcoming Dasara festival, the 'Ambaari' double-decker buses operated by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) are witnessing an all-time high demand in Mysuru during this festive season.

An 'Ambaari' bus is an open-top double-decker tourist bus specially designed to give visitors an elevated view of Mysuru's dazzling Dasara illumination and colourfully decorated heritage sites.

From the rooftop, tourists can soak in the splendour of the city's festive glow. The service offers a royal journey experience and is particularly popular during Dasara when Mysuru transforms into a city of lights.

At present, KSTDC operates six Ambaari buses, with only one bus running throughout the year and all six pressed into service for over a month during the Dasara season. These buses begin their journey every evening from the South Gate of Mysore Palace, taking tourists on a memorable ride through the illuminated city.

Tumakuru's demand

Amidst this soaring demand, KSTDC is facing a new situation this year as Tumakuru city has sought one Ambaari bus to be deployed there for 13 days during Dasara. For the first time, Tumakuru will be illuminated during the Dasara festival. Tumakuru happens to be the home district of Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar.

The Tumakuru Deputy Commissioner's Office has reportedly written to the KSTDC Managing Director, Bengaluru,

requesting that one Ambaari bus currently operating in Mysuru be sent to Tumakuru from Sept. 21 to Oct. 3, when the city will shine brightly with Dasara-themed illumination.

According to the letter, the bus will be used to take tourists around Tumakuru city to view the illumination and visit prominent tourist spots. The Tumakuru district administration has assured that the bus will be well-maintained, operated safely and returned to Mysuru undamaged once the festivities conclude.

KSTDC's dilemma

Meanwhile, sources in KSTDC, Mysuru, expressed concern over this request, stating that it would be difficult to spare even one bus during Dasara, as demand for the Ambaari rides is expected to peak with each passing day.

However, they clarified that if Tumakuru insists, one bus will be sent — but with certain conditions. The Tumakuru administration must compensate KSTDC, Mysuru, for the revenue loss incurred from the bus being diverted and also ensure there is no damage to the vehicle.

Proper pruning of roadside tree branches along the designated route in Tumakuru will also be necessary to prevent potential damage to the open-top bus.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my client is interested in purchasing the property detailed in the schedule from its present owner Mrs. Shivamallamma aged 46 years, wife of Mahadevaswamy, residing at No.2, 5th Main 'B' Block, J. P. Nagar, Mysuru 570 008.

Any person/s claiming any right, title or interest in the said property or any part thereof is hereby informed to make the same known to the undersigned in writing within 7 days from this date with relevant proof thereof towards such claim / objection.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped residential land bearing Survey No.61/5 (Old Survey No.61/1), situated at Udbhuru Village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk and District, land measuring 19.08 guntas; bounded on: **East by:** Land in Survey No.61; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Manandavadi Main Road; **South by:** Park.

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FORM NO. INC - 26

[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Before the Central Government (Regional Director)

South East Region

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of MAG-AL Electrominerals Private Limited (CIN: U43121KA2023PTC178237) having its Registered Office at 1134/E Contour Road, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, Mysore, Karnataka, India, 570002

..... The Applicant

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13(4) of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, September 03, 2025 to enable the company to change its Registered office from "**State of Karnataka**" to "**State of Gujarat**".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to **Regional Director, South Eastern Region, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhavan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad – 500068, Telangana** within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the Applicant Company at its registered office at the address mentioned below.

MAG-AL Electrominerals Private Limited
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Registered Office Address: 1134/E Contour Road, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, Mysore - 570002, Karnataka

For and on behalf of the Applicant,
For, MAG-AL Electrominerals Private Limited
Sd/-
Alay Hemanshu Thanki
Director (DIN: 10307962)

Date: 16/09/2025
Place: Ahmedabad

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up its quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Mandakalli Power Distribution Centre, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Mandakalli, Gejjagalli IP Limits, surrounding areas of S. Uttanahalli, J.P.Nagar, Srinagar, Reshmenagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, Teachers Colony, R.K. Layout, Bhavana Layout, Vinayaka Layout, Koppaluru, Mahalakshmi Drusthi Layout and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla Division.

'HSV - Geetha Namana' event

Kadambi Padma Memorial Trust, Mysuru, has organised 'HSV - Geetha Namana' (a programme to pay musical tribute to H.S. Venkateshamurthy) at Rajatha Sabhangana of Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, on Sept. 18 at 6 pm. Shree Harsha, Shreya K. Bhat, Ashwin M. Prabhu and Jaswanth will perform on the occasion. They will be accompanied by Ganesh Bhat on keyboard and Sujayindra Rao on tabla. Lyricist-Poet-Author B.R. Lakshman Rao and Actor-Director T.N. Seetharam will be present at the event.

Scholarship

Adarsha Seva Sangha has announced scholarships for the children of Sangha members studying in I and II PUC in city and have secured a minimum of 85 percent marks in the previous examination. Annual income of the family must be within Rs. 4 lakh per annum to apply for the scholarship. Interested can contact the Sangha Office from Sept. 17 to 22 between 4 pm and 6 pm along with the marks card and TC. [Ph: 0821-3559202]

Japa Yajna at RK Ashram

To commemorate the Centenary Celebration of Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Mysuru, a daily Japa Yajna is being organised for initiated devotees from 6 pm to 6.30 pm in the Ashram Prayer Hall starting from Sept. 12 and will continue every day until the main centenary programme in December. Initiated devotees, who wish to participate, may register in advance. Registration is limited to the first 150 participants only.

Dasara illumination, drone show posters released

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (BLU&BCT)- As part of the world-renowned Mysuru Dasara Festival 2025, the promotional poster and teaser of the grand electric illumination and drone show was officially launched by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa at a special ceremony held at the Mysore Palace Board hall on Sunday.

As in previous years, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will transform Mysuru into a glowing spectacle with decorative lighting across 136 kilometres of roads and 118 traffic circles. Iconic replicas and thematic installations reflecting Mysuru's rich heritage will be set up at 80 key junctions and thoroughfares.

The lighting display will require approximately 300 kilowatts of power, totalling 2,57,520 units of electricity throughout the festival period.

Public safety advisory

The CESC has emphasised public safety during the illumination events:

1. Citizens are advised to maintain a safe distance from lighting poles and installations.

2. Avoid touching decorative setups or attempting to take selfies or videos near them.

3. Exercise extra caution during rain, especially near electrical fixtures.

4. Motorists are urged to drive carefully, as lighting poles have been installed along several major roads and circles.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa (centre) releasing the promotional poster at a special ceremony held at the Mysore Palace Board hall in city on Sunday.

For electricity-related issues or emergencies during the festival, the public can contact the 24x7 helpline at 1912.

The launch event was attended by MLA and CESC Chairman Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda, Deputy Commissioner Lakshmikant Reddy, CESC Managing Director K.M. Munigopal Raju, ZP CEO Ukesh Kumar, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, SP N. Vishnuvardhana, Municipal Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and CESC Superintendent Engineer Sunil, Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, among others.

Drone Show: Sept. 28 & 29, Oct. 1 & 2
Air Show: Sept. 27 and Oct. 1

Partial zero-traffic zone rule around Mysore Palace to encourage walking

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (BLU&BCT)- The globally renowned Mysuru Dasara festival is set to enthral visitors with a spectacular drone show, one of its biggest highlights this year.

The dazzling display will run for four days, adding a futuristic flair, beginning Sept. 28, and promises to be grander and more breathtaking than previous editions. The Bannimantap Torchlight Parade Grounds will host drone shows on Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1 and 2.

While last year, the show featured 1,500 drones, this year the number has doubled to 3,000, offering an unparalleled visual treat in the night sky.

Adding to the excitement, an Indian Air Force Air Show will take place at the same venue on Sept. 27 and Oct. 1, further boosting the festival's attraction for both residents and tourists.

As always, the Mysore Palace, the focal point of Dasara celebrations, will be illuminated with thousands of dazzling lights. To enhance the visitor experience and ensure smooth pedestrian movement, a partial zero-traffic zone will be implemented around the Palace. Much like at international festivals, visitors will be encouraged to explore the surroundings on foot, soaking in the magnificent views of the illuminated heritage landmark.

Raitha Dasara at J.K. Grounds from Sept. 26 to 28

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (MTY&BS)- Like previous years, J.K. Grounds near City Railway Station, will set the stage for Raitha Dasara from Sept. 26 to 28, organised as part of *Nada Habba* Mysuru Dasara.

While the preparations for Raitha Dasara is on, it has been decided to inaugurate Agriculture Expo, that showcases farming methods and innovations, at the hands of Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture K. Venkatesh on Sept. 26 at 11 am, said Bheemappa Kalali, Deputy Secretary (Development), Zilla Panchayat (ZP), also the Deputy Special Officer of Raitha Dasara Sub-Committee.

Addressing officials at the preliminary meeting of Raitha Dasara Sub-Committee held at D. Devaraj Urs meeting hall of ZP recently, Kalali said, Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, will flag off the procession organised as part of Raitha Dasara, on Sept. 26 at 9.30 am in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Mysore Palace North Gate. Social Welfare Minister and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture K. Venkatesh will be participating in the procession, while KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa will preside over the programme.

The procession will pass through K.R. Circle and D. Devaraj Urs Road, before culminating at J.K. Grounds.

The main programme organised at MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee auditorium at J.K. Grounds will be inaugurated by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa at 11.15 am.

Agriculture Department Joint Director K.H. Ravi, also the Working President of Raitha Dasara Sub-Committee and Fisheries Department Deputy Director G.H. Manjunath, also the Co-Working President of the Sub-Committee, were present at the preliminary meeting.

State-level cow milking contest on Sept. 26, 27

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (KS)- A State-level cow milking competition, organised as part of Raitha Dasara by the Raitha Dasara Sub-Committee, will be held on Sept. 26 and 27 at 6.30 am and 5.30 pm at J.K. Grounds near the Railway Station in city.

There are four cash prizes — 1st prize: Rs. 1 lakh; 2nd prize: Rs. 80,000; 3rd prize: Rs. 60,000 and fourth prize: Rs. 40,000.

For registration, contact the City Veterinary Hospital.

Dog / Pet Show on Sept. 28

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (KS)- As part of Dasara-2025, the Raitha Dasara Sub-Committee has organised Dog / Pet Show from 9 am on Sept. 28 at J.K. Grounds in city.

Registration of pets is compulsory and the last date to register is Sept. 25 (before 6 pm). There is no spot registration and dog owners need not produce any certificate from any Kennel Clubs.

Participants should be at the venue before 9 am on Sept. 28 and it is the responsibility of pet owners to keep their pets safe. Food, belt, chain and other equipment should be brought by the owners and the decision of the judges is final.

Certificates will be given to all participating pets and prizes will be given to the winning pets.

Potable water will be made available by the organisers and first-aid facility is also arranged.

Pets suffering from diseases cannot participate and animals coming under Wildlife Act have been banned.

Dasara Jumbo Abhimanyu rehearses with Wooden Howdah

Crowds gather to watch Abhimanyu's first practice walk carrying a total weight of 750-kg including 280-kg wooden howdah in preparation for Oct. 2 procession.

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (SBD&KS)- With Dasara festivities set to be inaugurated on Sept. 22 and *Jumboo Savari,* the grand finale of the 11-days festivities to be held on Oct. 2, Golden Howdah carrier Abhimanyu yesterday carried the wooden howdah on the *Jumboo Savari* route till the Torchlight Parade Grounds at Bannimantap with ease.

Carrying the total weight of 750 kgs including the wooden howdah, Abhimanyu, with Kumki elephants Kaveri and Hemavathi on his sides, stepped out of the Palace premises and walked majestically with other Dasara elephants Mahendra, Sugreeva, Gopi, Bhima, Srikanta, Roopa, Dhananjaya, Lakshmi, Prashantha, Kanjan and Ekalavya, following him in a disciplined manner.

Earlier, Abhimanyu was led near Kodi Someshwara Temple in the Palace premises at about 4 pm, where *Gadhi-Namda* was secured on his back and was led near the residence of the erstwhile Royal Family along with other elephants where priest Prahallad Rao performed puja to the wooden howdah and the elephants.

Abhimanyu was then led near the metal stand at about 5 pm, where the wooden howdah weighing 280 kg was placed on the *Gadhi-Namda* and secured with ropes. Sandbags were then placed inside the wooden howdah so that the weight equals 750 kg, the weight of the Golden Howdah.

Abhimanyu, then turned towards the residence of the Royal Family, lifted his trunk as a mark of respect and stepped out of the Palace. He then marched majestically on the *Jumboo Savari* route.

As the elephants passed via Chamaraja Circle, K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Old RMC Circle, Bamboo Bazar Road, Highway Circle and Nelson Mandela Road, to reach the Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap, a large number of people, who had already assembled on the either side of the *Jumboo Savari* route, cheered, clicked selfies and recorded videos on their mobile phones. Yesterday's rehearsal resembled a mini *Jumboo Savari.*

750-kg weight including 280-kg wooden howdah being loaded on to Abhimanyu to match the weight of the 750-kg golden howdah to be carried during *Jumboo Savari.*

Mysuru set for first-ever tree census, MoU signed

Seen are (from left) S. Shobana, MGP Working President; Dr. Pramod of JSS Pharmacy College; Dr. Smitha Hegde of Nitte University Centre for Science Education and Research (NUCSER); K. Paramesh, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF); Dr. Jai Ganesh of VVCE; Bhamy V. Shenoy of MGP; Vijay Moras, Managing Director of CFAL and Sanjay Dattatri, MGP Convener during the exchange of MoU on Mysuru Tree Census Project in city on Sunday. Picture right shows rain trees on both sides of Valmiki Road.

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (SPN&BCT)- Following the successful implementation of the Tree Census in Mangaluru under the leadership of Dr. Smitha Hegde from the Nitte University Centre for Science Education and Research (NUCSER), a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Sunday to launch a similar initiative in Mysuru.

The MoU was formalised between Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and heads of several local organisations, marking the beginning of the first-of-its-kind Mysuru Tree Census Project.

The project is spearheaded by Centre for Advanced Learning (CFAL) and MGP as lead participants, with JSS College of Pharmacy and Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) as supporting partners.

Representatives who signed the MoU included Dr. Smitha Hegde (CFAL), Bhamy V. Shenoy (MGP), Dr. Pramod (JSS College of Pharmacy) and Jai Ganesh (VVCE).

Project details

The tree census will officially commence on Oct. 10, with over 200 volunteers already registered and more expected to join. The entire data collection process is expected to be completed within six months, followed by another six months to finalise the comprehensive report.

The census aims to conduct a comprehensive survey of trees across Mysuru city and surrounding areas, create a standardised, publicly accessible database of tree inventory data under open licensing, and provide scientific analysis of urban tree cover to aid urban planners and civic authorities.

It will also identify illegal tree felling and ensure accountability, and establish a replicable model for environmental data collection in other cities.

Data acquisition will include tree species identification, dimensional measurements (height, girth, canopy spread), health assessment and photographic documentation, along with monitoring threats like concretisation and choking tree guards.

The final report will provide a clear picture of Mysuru's urban tree cover and guide authorities in sustainable city development planning.

DCF assures support

K. Paramesh, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), participated in the meeting and assured full departmental support for the project. Highlighting the urgent need for such initiatives, he revealed that his office receives requests to fell at least five trees a day and over 50 requests for pruning.

He also expressed concern about the unscientific methods of pruning, adding that retired Mysore University Professor and Tree Doctor Dr. Shankar Bhat would train individuals on scientific pruning techniques.

The DCF also announced plans to form a Tree Warden Authority within a month, pending approval from senior officials.

Vijay Moras, Managing Director of CFAL, travelled from Mangaluru with his team to extend full support while Dr. Smitha assured guidance throughout the project.

About 80 NSS volunteers from VVCE and 20 from JSS Pharmacy College have pledged their participation. **Citizens interested in volunteering can contact Sanjay Dattatri, MGP Convener, on Mob: 97910-39363.**

Valedictory of 'Sahajaranga' theatre camp; staging of play

Mysuru, Sept. 16- The valedictory of Sahajaranga 2025-26, a theatre training camp for college students organised by Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, will be held at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Sept. 18 at 6.15 pm.

Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, District in-Charge Minister, Basavaraj Devanuru, Advisor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research, Training and Extension Centre, Department of Social Welfare, Bengaluru and V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru, will be the guests of honour.

Also, as part of the valedictory, the participants of the camp will stage the play 'Jana Gana Mana,' written by Devaki Dharmishte and M.M. Suguna, on Sept. 17 and 18 at 7 pm. For details, call Mob: 96110-74424.

Golden Throne assembled at Palace

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (MTY&BS)- The fabled Golden Throne of Wadiyars, the erstwhile rulers of Princely State Mysore, was assembled during the auspicious time at Private Durbar Hall of Mysore Palace this morning.

The Golden Throne, that comes in different parts and wrapped by cloths and kept at the strong room of the Palace, was removed amidst the watchful eyes of 14 staff belonging to the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family, armed Policemen and Mysore Palace Board officials. Prior to bringing the parts of the throne to the durbar hall, Belli Bhadrasana was assembled at Kannadi Thotti inside the Palace.

Keeping with the tradition, Ganapathy homa and Chamundi Homa were performed at the durbar hall, under the supervision of Palace priest Srihari.

After offering purnahuti to the homa, the strong room was opened and the process of assembling the throne began at about 10.15 am, said a source.

Member of Mysore Royal Family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, like every year, supervised the assembling of the throne, that is made of fig wood and covered by a gold plate giving it a gilded look. To enable the smooth process of assembling the throne, entry to Palace was restricted for visitors from 8.30 am to 1 pm by the Mysore Palace Board.

The Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) cameras installed from strong room to durbar hall were covered with cloth, during the assembling of the throne, to avoid any recording of the same.

The cell phones of all those staff present at the Palace was also seized and kept in a place, till the process was completed after two-and-a-half hours, at about 12.45 pm.

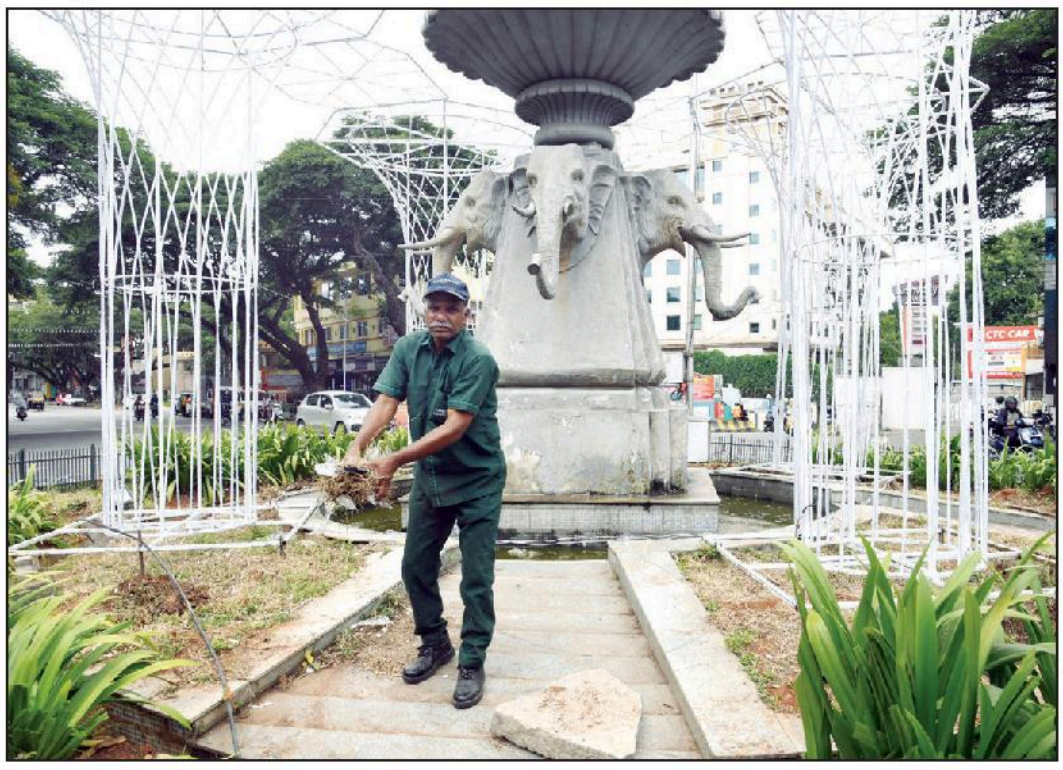
The Golden Throne will be kept covered by a cloth and guarded by armed Policemen.

The Golden Throne, which is believed to have originated from Pandavas, was later adorned by Vijayanagar kings, before it came into the possession of their vassal Wadiyars, during the rule of Raja Wadiyar, who started Dasara in 1610 AD at Srirangapatna. Since then, the throne underwent many modifications suiting the requirements of the respective rulers, including the 25th and last Maharaja of Mysore Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, thus enhancing the glint of the throne.

Even after the princely rule was abolished, the descendants of Wadiyars, called as the titular rulers, continue to practice the tradition of conducting private durbar, seated on the Golden Throne, only during Navarathri festivities, reliving the royal splendour of bygone era.

MCC wakes up !

Neglected elephant sculpture fountain gets last-minute Dasara makeover



Mysuru, Sept. 16 (BLU&BCT)- Workers from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) have begun cleaning the iconic elephant sculpture fountain at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle, popularly known as Highway Circle, which had fallen into shocking neglect. Once a grand landmark, the fountain had become a makeshift notice board for flex boards displaying birthday wishes, condolence messages and political announcements.

With Dasara set to begin next week, overgrown weeds are being cleared, ornamental plants pruned, algae removed and peeling plaster on the sculpture restored. The water fountain is set to be switched on for the festival.

However, passersby and the public are questioning the MCC's last-minute efforts, accusing it of keeping the fountain neglected and filthy for the rest of the year. Citizens urge that at the very least, this iconic circle should receive year-round maintenance, not just seasonal attention.

MCC honours Pourakarmikas; 66 awarded for excellence

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MCC Additional Commissioner S. Kusuma Kumari, Deputy Commissioners Dasegowda and Manjunath seen with Pourakarmikas during the Pourakarmikas Day celebrations at Kalamandira premises this morning.

Mysuru, Sept.16 (MK&TRR)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, inaugurated Pourakarmikas Day, organised at Kalamandira premises in city, this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the event, MCC Commissioner Asif commended the work of Pourakarmikas in keeping the city, State and the nation clean and tidy.

Asif appealed Pourakarmikas to spend time with their family members and provide good education to their children and help them occupy higher positions in the society.

"The children of Pourakarmikas should not remain as civic workers. They should evolve as officers and respectable citizens of the society," added Asif.

He advised Pourakarmikas to become role models for their children by practicing good habits.

In all, 66 Pourakarmikas were presented with 'Best Pourakarmika Award' and felicitated them. Children who had excelled in SSLC and Second PU examinations were presented with Prathibha Puraskars.

Prior to the programme, about 200 Pourakarmikas took out a *padayatra* from old DC Office premises to Kalamandira by holding the Shield and Memento presented to MCC by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in New Delhi recently, for securing third cleanest city ranking in the country under Super Swachh League Cities for the year 2024-25.

Additional Commissioner S. Kusuma Kumari, Health Officer Dr. Venkatesh, Deputy Commissioners Dasegowda and Manjunath and others were present.

The Rs. 1.20 crore con

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The victim was sternly warned not to disclose the matter to anyone, including his family and was told that a CBI surveillance team was monitoring his every movement, both at home and outside.

On the third day, during another video call, the gang asked about the victim's bank balance. Under intense psychological pressure and panic, the engineer revealed that he had Rs. 1.20 crore in his account, which was money from the recent sale of a house. This immediately became the fraudsters' target.

The criminals then accused him of being involved in a money-laundering network and threatened him with immediate arrest and seizure of his assets unless the money was transferred to a 'verification account' for clearance. Despite his pleas that the money was legally earned through the sale of his house, the fraudsters refused to relent. They intensified their threats, claiming that a team was already stationed near his residence, ready to arrest him if he failed to comply.

Forged letterheads, seals

To make the deception more convincing, the criminals sent fake notices bearing forged letterheads and seals of the CBI, ED and IT Department. WhatsApp messages included images of cash bundles, debit cards and photos of supposed Police officers, adding to the victim's sense of helplessness and fear.

Overwhelmed and terrified, the retired engineer eventually complied and transferred the money in two tranches — Rs. 70 lakh to an account named 'Bhagyavathi Enterprises' in Maharashtra and Rs. 50 lakh to 'RGS Sports Private Limited' in Kerala, totalling Rs. 1.20 crore.

Even after receiving the full amount, the fraudsters continued to harass him with more calls, demanding additional transfers.

It was only after confiding in a close friend that the victim realised he had been duped by a cybercrime syndicate. He then approached Mysuru Cyber Crime Police and filed a complaint.

During the investigation, authorities discovered that the siphoned money had been distributed across 529 different bank accounts, making recovery extremely difficult.

Police are now working to determine how the fraudsters obtained sensitive information about the victim's financial status and are also tracing the sources of the forged Government documents used in the scam. Teams in Kerala and Maharashtra are being contacted to track down the accounts that received the transfers.

Obituary

G. Shyamaladevi

Mysuru, Sept. 16- G. Shyamala Devi (83), wife of late A.P. Janardhan Unnithan and a resident of KEB Colony in Udayagiri, passed away following a heart attack at a private hospital in city this morning. She leaves behind three daughters, sons-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow (Sept. 17) at 11 am at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Javaraiah

Javaraiah (75), a resident of Metagalli, passed away on Sept. 13 in city.

He leaves behind his wife Siddamma, sons Prakash and Santosh and a host of relatives and friends.

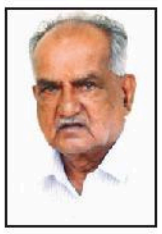
Last rites were held at Metagalli Burial Grounds, according to family sources.

Conrad John Vincent Lewis

Conrad John Vincent Lewis (50), a resident of Brindavan Extension, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at Benson Cemetery on Nanjangud Road yesterday evening.

Sadashivappa



Sadashivappa (87), retired Engineer, former President of Sri Basaveshwara Credit Co-operative Society at Siddarthanagar and a resident of Lalitha Mahal Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Rajeshwari, two sons, one daughter, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held tomorrow (Sept. 17) afternoon at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Lalithadripura.

'Bhagini Raaga Sourabha' monthly concert series

Soulful Melody - A befitting concert to a new beginning

BSS Vidyodaya and Raaga Music Academy have come together in a collaborative initiative to further enrich the vibrant cultural landscape of Mysuru.

With several years of experience in organising classical music concerts, the two esteemed institutions have joined hands to establish a sustainable platform for both emerging and established musicians.

Vid. A. Chandan Kumar presenting a flute concert at BSS Vidyodaya Auditorium in Krishnamurthypuram recently as part of 'Bhagini Raaga Sourabha' monthly concert series. He is accompanied by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata.

This collaboration will be presented through a new monthly concert series titled **'Bhagini Raaga Sourabha'** with performances scheduled on the third Saturday of every month at the auditorium of BSS Vidyodaya.

The inaugural concert of 'Bhagini Raaga Sourabha' series, coinciding with Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, was held at BSS Vidyodaya Auditorium in Krishnamurthypuram. The concert featured **Vid. A. Chandan Kumar**, a renowned and accomplished flautist, who presented a captivating recital lasting over 150 minutes.

The air-conditioned auditorium, equipped with excellent acoustics and ambient lighting, provided an ideal ambience, further enhanced by a full house of ardent music-lovers whose presence created an inspiring atmosphere for the performers.

Vid. Chandan was accompanied by **Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar** on violin, **Vid. A. Radhesh** on mridanga and **Vid. Shamith Gowda** on ghata.

The concert commenced with a Varna in Raga Sri, rendered with brisk notations that immediately uplifted the mood. This was followed by a serene Ganamurthi raga, embellished with rare gamakas and depth.

As a fitting tribute to the presiding deity of the day, Lord Sri Krishna, the popular composition Ganamurthe of Saint Thyagaraja was presented. Another Krishna composition, Govardhana Gireesham in Raga Hindolam, was performed with a leisurely alapana and lively kalpana swaras.

Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar's elegant elaboration of Hindolam highlighted her artistry. A swift rendition of Anupama Gunambudi in Raga Atana set the stage for the concert's central piece.

Vid. Chandan, known for combining deep classicism with an ability to reach to diverse audiences, delivered a profound Raga-Tana-Pallavi in Raga Kharaharapriya, which formed the main item of the evening. The Pallavi, set to Telugu lyrics in praise of Lord Govinda, showcased his mastery. His command over the flute and repertoire was particularly evident as he seamlessly wove the Pallavi and kalpanaswaras through the Pancha Ghana Ragas — Naata, Gowla, Aarabhi, Varali and Sri — with Vidu. Prithvi matching him at every step with diligence and grace.

The percussion duo, Vid. Radhesh and Vid. Shamith, provided exceptional rhythmic support throughout, culminating in a tani avartanam that was both enthralling and engaging.

The concert concluded with lighter yet soulful pieces, including Baaro Krishnayya, Jagadodharana and Vande Mataram.

In sum, the evening was an enriching and memorable musical experience, filled with classicism, melody and uplifting energy, befitting the launch of this new series.

—CA Raghunandan Vyasa Rao

Nadavidyalaya hosts 'Nada Nritya Mukula'

Mysuru, Sept. 16- The students of Nadavidyalaya - Academy of Music & Dance, Mysuru, in all 105 budding talents — beginners, sub-juniors and juniors — took part in the 'Nada Nritya Mukula-2025' programme of Nadavidyalaya, under the guidance and direction of Guru Vidu. Mithra Naveen, at Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike in Kuvempunagar recently.

Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy was the chief guest. Educationist and Dinesh Coaching Centre Founder N.V. Dinesh was the guest of honour.

To begin with, the tiny-tots of Nadavidyalaya presented alaripu, an invocatory piece of Bharatanatyam repertoire set to chaturashra eka taala. It was followed by jathiswara, the nrittabanda of Bharatanatyam margam. Next presentation was Kala Bhairavaashtaka. Praying to Shiva Shankar, who always holds triumph over the evil as Bhairava and the one who resides in Kashi, who symbolises the removal of the attachment with the worldly existence was in raaga ganamurte set to chaturashra eka tala scripted by Sri Adi Shakaracharya.

Krishna Kautwam, composed by Dwarki Krishna Swamy, was the next on the list. Krishna being one of Vishnu's dashavataras, dance on Kaliya, the serpent, sending him away far from Vrindavan. The tiny-tots danced with their tiny steps for Krishna Kautwam in trishraadi tala set to Raga Mohana.

Immediate one was Vaikunta Narayana Vittala — a devaranama. Lord of all worlds, Vishvaroopi Narayana as the protector of Dharma who saved the earth and made it Vaikunta. Srihari giving room to Goddess Lakshmi as his bosom in his Vakshasthala, hailing as Vaikuntapati, was praised and danced with heart in Raga Tilang set to Aditaal. It is a composition by Bhadragiri Kesavadas.

Students performed for the devaranama in Raga Malaya Maruta Aditala composed by Purandaradasaru. Next in list was Yadava Raaya, a devaranama. Born in a Yadava clan and brought up by his mother Yashoda, Krishna who plays the venu in Brindavan with the gopis like Radha and her friends were seen as a story line of the song.

Krishna, who is the Dwarkadeesan, was praised and danced in with Jayakaaras by innocent minds of Nadavidyalaya in Raga hindola set to Adi tala, composed by Sri Purandaradasaru in devaranama Yaare Rangana. Nottuswaras of Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar were eye-catching and pleasant to hear. It was like English rhymes as the raga went on in shankarbharana.

'Garuda gamanatavacharana kamala,' in raga Shankarabharana set to chaturashra eka tala, was the next performance where the tiny-tots, who had started their dancing journey just eight months before, were the centre of attraction and stole the show with a big round of applause.

Accompanying artistes include direction and natuvanga by Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen, vocal by Vid. M.S. Naveen, mridanga by Vid. G.S. Nagaraj and flute by Yeashas N. Kashyap. Vidu. Harshitha Amruth and Sunitha Ratish were the masters of the ceremony.

Dasara inauguration row

CM calls Prathap Simha a 'fool' for opposing Banu Mushtaq

Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Sept. 16 (KMS&DM)- On the day that the Karnataka High Court junked pleas filed by three individuals, including former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, seeking to restrain International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq from inaugurating Dasara, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday lashed out at Prathap Simha, calling him a 'fool' for opposing Banu Mushtaq's selection.

Speaking after inaugurating the International Day of Democracy organised at Vidhana Soudha yesterday, Siddaramaiah said that India functions under a secular system and there is no meaning or substance in opposing the *Naada Habba* Dasara inauguration by International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq.

"If a person who was a Lok Sabha MP earlier does not know what the Constitution is, then the people must be alert about such fools. Even after decades of independence, some vested interests continue to behave communally and mislead the public," Siddaramaiah said.

"It is regrettable that the tribe of such leaders is growing these days. It is even more unfortunate that those who understand harmony and co-existence are the very ones misleading people. Though such leaders are free to play politics, they should not devote their time in misleading the very people they represent," the CM said, adding that society must condemn such vested interests.

Prathap Simha hits back, calls out CM over 14 MUDA sites

Prathap Simha

Bengaluru, Sept. 16 (DM)- Barely a couple of hours after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah lashed out at him following the High Court's dismissal of his plea opposing Banu Mushtaq's Dasara inauguration, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha hit back, saying those who acquired 14 MUDA sites illegally need not advise him on communal matters.

Speaking in Bengaluru yesterday, Simha said, "Let Siddaramaiah sir call me anything he wants. He should also take a look at what's being said about him on social media. If he does, he might have to cover his face and walk away in embarrassment. Someone who swallowed 14 MUDA sites shouldn't be questioning me."

"I had approached the Karnataka High Court (HC) with a small hope of getting justice. But the HC dismissed my plea on the grounds that Banu Mushtaq has freedom of expression and is therefore free to air her views. We had submitted a translated version of Banu Mushtaq's speech to the Court. But despite this, the plea was dismissed, citing secular grounds. It was unfortunate that my PIL was rejected using the term 'secular,' which was introduced by Indira Gandhi," he said.

Freedom of speech

"I'm not questioning the credibility of the Court. The PIL was dismissed within the framework of secularism. I am simply expressing my views using the same freedom of speech," he added.

"Below the Ashoka Chakra, the words 'Satyameva Jayate' are inscribed. If tomorrow morning, insulting that very phrase is deemed acceptable, what are we even defending?" he further questioned.

He also asked, "Will the phrase 'Satyam Shivam Sundaram' be removed in the name of secularism and free speech? If statements that undermine India's core cultural values are protected under the guise of secularism and freedom of expression, then I have nothing left to say."

Soft on Dharmasthala conspirators

Accusing the Siddaramaiah Government of minority appeasement, Simha alleged that it had gone soft on YouTubers Sameer and Mahesh Thimarody, the key conspirators in the alleged Dharmasthala mass burials case.

On Yatnal's statement

Reacting to expelled BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal's statement that he, Simha and other disgruntled BJP leaders are planning to form a new party based on Hindutva, Simha said his father was closely associated with the Jan Sangh.

"I began my career as a journalist and now I am a BJP worker. I have no intention of forming a new party or joining hands with Yatnal. I will not leave the BJP for any reason. I have already conveyed this to Yatnal," former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha maintained.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa flags illegality in dargah works

- MCC Commissioner blamed for public notification in fresh row
- BJP leaders visit disputed site at Gaadi Chowka in Agrahara

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (MK&BS)- Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa has accused Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner of hastily issuing a public notification inviting objections, if any, to facilitate the construction of a dargah at Gaadi Chowka on Madhwachar Road near the 101 Ganapathy Temple in Agrahara.

Srivatsa was speaking to media persons after visiting the disputed site yesterday, along with former MLA and City BJP President L. Nagendra, former Mayor Shivakumar, former Chairman of Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Shivakumar, former Corporators Sowmya Umesh and M.U. Subbaiah, BJP Krishnaraja Assembly Constituency President Gopalraj Urs, City BJP Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda, BJP leader Giridhar and MCC officials.

Public notification

Srivatsa said, even though the site has remained vacant for the last 60 years, the MCC Commissioner has issued a public notification inviting objections, after issuing a khata for building a dargah.

The notification has been published in a local newspaper, in such a meticulous way to avoid wider attention, amid preparations for the Dasara festival.

"As is the criterion, a board inviting objections from the public should have been put up at the site, but no such board has been installed. It is also mandatory to seek the permission of local MLA and elected representatives, but the norm has been blatantly flouted," alleged Srivatsa.

Gazette says...

Quoting records related to the site, Srivatsa said, about 1.5 acres of land (4,500 feet) has been mentioned as Waqf property in the Gazette published in 1965, but there are no details about the land donor, barring the name Mohammed Ghouse, Mohammedvadi Road, K.R. Mohalla.

There is neither any mention of Mohammedvadi Road or Madhwachar Road in the Gazette, said Srivatsa, citing flaws in the Gazette record too.

Now, after 60 years, an application requesting khata for the said site was received, and the works on building a dargah, without obtaining permission from MCC, began on March 15.

The illegality was brought to the notice of the MCC Commissioner in a letter, besides alerting the Police. Following this, the process to issue a khata was hastened, he noted.

Fixation of revenue

Pointing out further illegalities, Srivatsa said, though the site area is spread over 4,500 feet, the revenue has been fixed for 700 feet. In 2002, an individual had moved a Court here claiming the ownership of the site, but the Court called it a Waqf asset in its ruling.

"Though the litigants filed an appeal at the High Court (HC), the HC upheld the local Court order. Now, the litigants have filed a title suit and there is no information as such whether the case is before the Two-Judge Bench of the HC or has been referred to the Supreme Court," he pointed out.

Amidst this, the Secretary of the institution constructing the dargah has filed a case against MCC officials in a City Court, which is scheduled to come up for hearing on Sept. 20, MLA Srivatsa said and added that the manner in which the MCC Commissioner has issued the notification has raised suspicions among the people.

'Notification must be withdrawn'

Unlike his predecessors, the MCC Commissioner has initiated such work that may pose a threat to the religious harmony enjoyed by two different faiths in this part of the locality. In Maddur of Mandya district, communal unrest triggered over a similar issue. With several lapses noticed in this dispute too. The MCC Commissioner should withdraw the notification at the earliest. Or else, an aggressive protest will be staged across the Krishnaraja Constituency. **— T.S. Srivatsa, Krishnaraja MLA**

MLA Srivatsa rejects Govt. choice of Banu Mushtaq

Mysuru, Sept.16 (MK&DM)- Krishnaraja BJP MLA T.S. Srivatsa asserted on Monday that the State Government's decision to select International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq for inaugurating this year's Dasara cannot be accepted.

Reacting to the Karnataka High Court dismissing former MP Prathap Simha's plea seeking to restrain Banu Mushtaq from inaugurating the festival, Srivatsa said the BJP had accepted poet Nisar Ahmed as the Dasara inaugurator in 2017, as he had a firm belief in God and respected Kannadambe, Bhuvaneshwari and the religion.

However, Banu Mushtaq, he alleged, appears to have no such regard for either the religion or God. As such, Prathap Simha had approached the High Court seeking a stay on Banu Mushtaq's role in the inauguration, Srivatsa said, adding that the party would discuss the issue in depth with the top leadership before deciding on the next course of action.

Dasara Yuva Sambhrama Day-6

Bang on... Music & Dance

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (PM&BS)- The bang of music, mesmerising dance for the beats of music and songs, which not just unveiled the glory of the land and language, also kindled patriotic spirit, reflecting the contributions of various personalities to the nation. All these and many more, summed up the mood on the sixth day of Dasara Yuva Sambhrama at Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri in the city yesterday.

Chandana Ananthakrishna, a TV serial actress of *Lakshmi Nivasa* daily soap fame, set the stage on fire, as she sensuously danced to the hit song *Bangle Bangari...* from Yuva Rajkumar starrer *Ekka* Kannada film.

Clad in blue saree, she struck a chord with the youngsters in the audience. Her flying kiss to the audience, while exiting from the stage, made many hearts swooning for her.

Karunaade... the chartbuster song from Crazy Star V. Ravichandran starrer film *Malla*, highlighting the importance of Kannada language, was aptly recreated by the student troupe of Vishwabharathi College, Sathagalli in city.

Mahisha Mardini... the mythological story of Goddess Chamundeshwari killing demon Mahishasura, was presented in a dance ballet by the troupe of Government PU College, Pandavapura in Mandya district.

Huttidare Kannada Nadalli Huttabeku... the all-time hit song from Dr. Rajkumar starrer *Akasmika*, that was originally rendered by thespian actor himself, echoed the spirit of Kannada at the open air auditorium, as the students of Government PU College, Bidadi, danced for the same, followed by Shanthiniketan College of Science and Management Studies, Ramanagara, *Mareyodunte Mysuru Doreya... Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Odeya...* paying a tribute to erstwhile Maharaja of Mysore Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, by the students of Sri Adichunchanagiri First Grade College, H.D. Kote, *Mahanayaka Bheemrao...* remembering the contributions of architect of Indian Constitution Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Likewise, dance performances on different themes like- Dasara former howdah carrier Arjuna elephant, Dasara Glory, freedom fighters Subhash Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh, Sangolli Rayanna and Kittur Rani Channamma, kept the audience hooked for hours.

M.C.S. Blasters wins Eid Meelad-un-Nabi Cricket Tourney

Players of M.C.S. Blasters *— (standing from left)* ***Tushar Singh, Saqlain, Shivakumar, Pranab Bhatia, Tippu, Rehan, Rafi, Furqan and Irfan;*** *(sitting from left)* ***S. Shivaraj, Kafeel, Ajmal (Coach), Imran Ahmed (Captain), Zameer, Abrar Ahmed, Siddiq and Afroz. Picture right shows runner-up Mysore Titans players*** *— (sitting from left)* ***MD Arif, Javeed, Kafeel, Afroz, Zameer, Abrar Ahmed, Maaz MD (Captain), Siddiq and Makhtar;*** *(standing from left)* ***Najeeb, Jayant, Gaurav, Likith, Shadab, Ghouse, Umaiz, Uzair and Hannan.***

Mysuru, Sept. 16 (KS)- M.C.S. Blasters Cricket Team emerged as winners while Mysore Titans Cricket Team bagged the runner-up position in Eid-Meelad-un-Nabi Cricket Tournament Season-10, organised by Mysore Meelad Cricket Association at the University of Mysore Pavilion Ground in city recently. A total of 28 teams participated in the tournament.

Batting first, M.C.S. Blasters scored 240 runs for the loss of three wickets in 20 overs. Chasing the target, Mysore Titans scored 111 runs and lost all wickets in 18.2 overs. Tushar Singh, who scored 97 runs, was declared 'Man of the Match.'

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Nidradevi Next Door (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am
Elumale (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm
The Conjuring Last Rites (E)	(S-1)	10 pm; (S-3) 10.15 am
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	(S-2)	8.15 am
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10, 10.15 pm
Green Girl (K)	(S-2)	11.30 am
Lokah Chapter 1: Chandra (Ma)	(S-2)	1 pm
Little Hearts (Te)	(S-2)	4 pm
Mirai (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Thanal (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
The Bengal Files (H)	(S-3)	3.50 pm
Son of Muthanna (K)	(S-3)	7.45 pm
Love in Vietnam (H)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

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Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	10.25 am, 4 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.35 pm
Rakshaka (K)	:	10.30 am
Mirai (Te)	:	10.35 am, 9.30 pm
Mirai (K)	:	1.45 pm, 6.20 pm
Elumale (K)	:	11.10 am, 1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 7 pm
Su From So (K)	:	12.30 pm
September 10 (K)	:	1.45 pm
Green Girl (K)	:	3.10 pm
Jumboo Circus (K)	:	3.55 pm
Thanal (Ta)	:	6.55 pm
Blackmail (Ta)	:	9.30 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

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Demon Slayer (E)	:	1 pm
Elumale (K)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	10.15 am, 4.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Green Girl (K)	:	11.05 am
Jumboo Circus (K)	:	11.15 am
The Conjuring: Last Rites (E)	:	12.25 pm, 4.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Param Sundari (H)	:	12.30 pm
Heer Express (H)	:	12.45 pm
Ek Chatur Naar (H)	:	1.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Thanal (Ta)	:	1.55 pm
Baaghi 4 (H)	:	3.20 pm
Madharaasi (Ta)	:	6.35 pm
Son of Muthanna (K)	:	7 pm
The Long Walk (E)	:	7.45 pm
Kishkindhapuri (Te)	:	10 pm

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Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	10 am, 12.50 pm, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Mirai (Te)	:	10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Mirai (K)	:	12.50 pm
Son of Muthanna (K)	:	10 am, 4.20 pm
The Conjuring: Last Rites (E)	:	10.05 am, 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Elumale (K)	:	1.25 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Madharaasi (Ta)	:	4.05 pm
Nidradevi Next Door (K)	:	7.10 pm
Kishkindhapuri (Te)	:	10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 16)

Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi: Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, exhibition-cum-sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, **up to 9 pm.**

District Administration, Yuva Sambhrama Sub-Committee-2025: Mysuru Dasara Mahotsava, Yuva Sambhrama-2025, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **4 pm to 10.30 pm.**

All India Insurance Employees' Association (AIIEA), Mysuru Division: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary and AIIEA's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, seminar on 'Samvidhana - Ondu Jeevanta Dastaveju' (Constitution - A Living Document)' AIIEA Mysuru Division General Secretary S.S. Nagesh delivers keynote address, Centre for Gandhian Studies Director Dr. S. Narendrakumar main speaker, AIIEA Mysuru Division President S.K. Ramu presides, Ideal Jawa Rotary School, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Jnanabutti: Free training camp for IAS/KAS aspirants, special lecture by IPS Officer K.L. Suraj delivers special lecture, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director P. Anusha interacts with the students, All India Co-operative Federation Director Y.N. Shankaregowda will be present, Jnanabutti, Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College premises, **6 pm.**

K.L. Suraj

P. Anusha

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 17)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: 21st edition of Bombe Mane, No. 91, Main Road, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**

Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi: Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, exhibition-cum-sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**

District Administration, Yuva Sambhrama Sub-Committee-2025: Mysuru Dasara Mahotsava, Yuva Sambhrama-2025, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **4 pm to 10.30 pm.**

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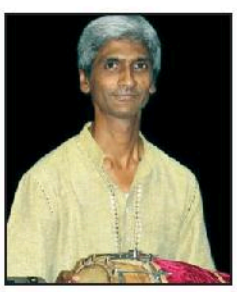
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Sept. 17: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Karnatak and Hindustani Music Jugalbandhi by Archana L. Rao and Srimathi Devi, accompanied by C.V. Shruthi on violin, A. Radhesh on mridanga, Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Bheemashankar Bidanur on tabla, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE — INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	9.45 am, 1.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Demon Slayer (E)	:	10.20 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Mirai (Te)	:	10.15 am, 10.10 pm
Mirai (K)	:	3.50 pm
Room Boy (K)	:	10.30 am
Maayavi (K)	:	12.40 pm
The Conjuring: Last Rites (E)	:	12.55 pm, 7.15 pm
Jumboo Circus (K)	:	1.40 pm
Green Girl (K)	:	3 pm
Guri (K)	:	4.25 pm
Kishkindhapuri (Te)	:	4.30 pm
Middle Class Ramayana (K)	:	7.05 pm
Blackmail (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Artworks invited for display at Dasara Expo

Mysuru, Sept. 16- Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA), which is organising Dasara Expo from Sept. 22 to Dec. 21, has invited artists, especially in the women & children category, and in fine arts & handicrafts category, to submit their artworks.

Artworks created after April 2025, including those made at home by women and children, will be exhibited. The artworks can be submitted at the KEA office under the women and children section, and the fine arts and handicrafts section from Sept. 10 to 20. Names can be registered at the time of submission.

For details, call Mob: 72042-02444 or 84315-17909.

DASARA FILM FEST - 2025 SEPTEMBER 17

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

SCREEN 2

Bagheera (K)	**10.00 am**
Choo Mantar (K)	**1.00 pm**
A (K)	**4.00 pm**
Maadeva (K)	**7.00 pm**

SCREEN 3

Faizu Mattu Hunja (K)	**10.15 am**
Nudimuttu (K)	**1.15 pm**
Nimbiya Banada Myaga	
Page1 (K)	**4.15 pm**
Shanti Niketan (K)	**7.15 pm**

SCREEN 4

The 47 (Spanish)	**10.30 am**
Oddity (English)	**1.30 pm**
The Promised Land (Danish)	**4.30 pm**
I'm Your Man (German)	**7.30 pm**

SCREEN 4 [Short-films]

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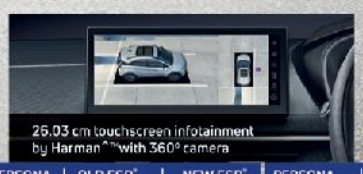
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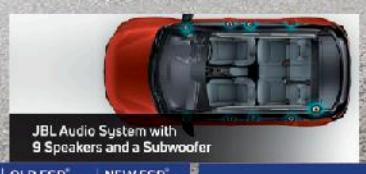
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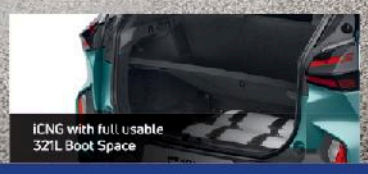
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